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INTERMEDIATES WHICH MAY BE USED
FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ESCITALOPRAM

Examiner: Jennifer Y. Cho

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2008, please consider the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.